

Huck Speaks

by Julie Gamin

I don't know why the editor of this here paper feels the way he does about the ICRN. I just know he's against it. I wisht he'd a said sompthing I could a thought about insteada jist knocking it without saying why.

They's talking of a new radio station at State what will give information, entertainment, and education to Stae sudents. In order for this to happen, State's money will be withdrawn from the ICRN and State won't get WNTC or WTSC-AM. It seems to me thet the station is a good idea and if both new and old could be supported itd be great. But, if they can't, it seems smarter to pay less money to the old "tried an true" station than to spend more money on sompthing we cant even be sure will "get off the ground" or even be liked by the students.

The Sommers Place

by Soupy Sommers

Tuesday, the Student Government Association of Potsdam State passed the proposal for establishing our own campus radio station. WSUC. The ICRN is now retaliating with an attempt to get State students to sign a petition to cancel WSUC.

The ICRN is bent on slinging whatever drivel they consider necessary to block the success of WSUC. This evening, (Tuesday) I heard on WNTC a "public service" announcement, giving the "facts" to State students and trying to get them to sign a petition.

The "facts" that WNTC is broadcasting are not facts at all, but are gross inaccuracies. In the announcement the ICRN proclaims that WSUC will be "an administration-controlled station with programming consisting of mainly educational material." And they quoted Dean Barrington as making this statement. Dr. Barrington did say the word "educational" but ICRN has taken it out of context. What Dr. Barrington said was that the radio station on this campus would provide a learning laboratory and in that way could be considered educational, and that the radio station would be the same type of "educational" as the RACQUETTE. Dr. Barrington's definition of education, in this sense, is that anything which teaches anyone anything is considered educational. This is only logical. If you learn nothing more than how to place a needle on a record, the radio station is still considered educational. This is what Dean Barrington has said.

Where the idea that the administration would control WSUC came from, I cannot even guess. Dr. Barrington said repeatedly that the administration did NOT want to be involved in a college radio station. That, as a learning laboratory, control MUST be exerted by the stu-

dents in order that they learn HOW to control. To use his analogy; if we wanted the best yearbook, we'd have faculty who have done it before do it. But, instead, we want students to learn, so the students should do it. The faculty don't have to learn; they've done it before.

Maybe the idea that control would be from administration came as a result of talk about the Potsdam College Development Fund helping finance WSUC. Money from PCDF would not have obligated WSUC to the Development Fund any more than money from scholarships obligates the students! And finances for WSUC, anyhow, will come solely from SGA.

Now we come to the petition. No matter how this petition is worded, it can only ask the State students to do one or both of two things. It can ask that they consider the rulings of the SGA to be inadequate, and ask State students to continue paying for ICRN, along with WSUC, or it can ask for the continuing of ICRN payments by State because it considers the SGA to be wrong in passing the WSUC proposal.

I cannot see how the ICRN has the audacity to come over to State from Clarkson and try to tell the SGA, through a puppet petition, how to run its (the SGA's) affairs. IT seems to me that many Americans are shocked by this idea — i.e. puppet government in East Germany.

Lastly, I'd like to deal with attacks against me. I had hoped to keep this discussion on a mature level, but mudslinging by others makes it necessary for me to at least defend myself. It was stated by a member of WNTC that I told Craig Bond what to write in his column last week. The truth is: I saw that column for the first time the same time as the rest of the student body — last Friday! If I could even dream of being able to tell Craig what to write, I'D be editor! Whether he is my friend or not has no bearing in what he said. The person who made the announcement of WNTC about which I was talking in the second paragraph is my friend, also. Our ideas conflict but we don't. And conversely, whatever Craig thinks, I don't always think, and vice-versa.

I have also been accused of working for this radio station in revenge. So I ask: in revenge of what? I took the action that separated the ICRN and myself. I quit. How can I seek revenge for quitting? If I was after revenge, then I have no one to take it out on but myself. I quit. I did the action.

Well, that's all I have to say. If the Integrator hadn't gone broke, as it seems many Clarkson activities are doing, I could have published this in that paper!